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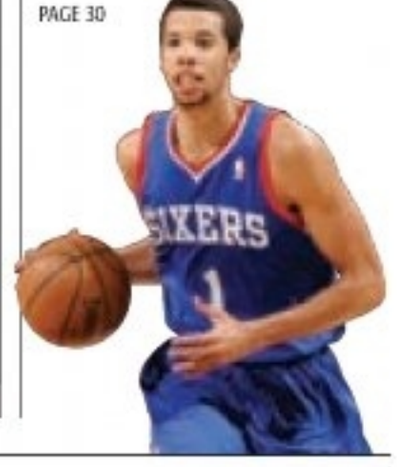

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Philly needs to embrace 'equitable development'

Gentrification. Inner city redevelopment is shutting out many of Philly's poorest.

The abandoned Divine Lorraine Hotel in North Philadelphia. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

The surging prices and influx of millennials in newly chic Philadelphia neighborhoods is leaving locals even further behind, and city officials must act to ensure the rising tide helps lift long-time residents out of poverty, a group of community development agencies said in a report released this week.

"Private investment transforming some of our neighborhoods does not automatically 'trickle down' and benefit those who are most economically disadvantaged or struggling to remain in the middle class," says the report by the Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations, entitled "Beyond Gentrification Toward Equitable Neighborhoods.

"The resources are there, it's just a matter of political priority," said Rick Sauer, executive director of PACDC, a group that helps community development corporations revitalize neighborhoods.

Without a plan, he warned "the wealth gap will continue to widen."

The Democratic Convention next summer could offer a lot of low-income Philadelphians a jump-start on improving their lives, Sauer said, calling it "an opportunity to make sure the dollars and jobs that make the convention happen can stay here locally."

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Despite the taxes generated by new projects including the Comcast tower on 18th & Arch and the new student residences on Drexel's campus too many Philadelphians are mired in poverty. At 27 percent, Philadelphia has the highest poverty rate among the 10 biggest American cities.

While market-rate housing is going up in University City, Northern Liberties and Francisville, bringing with it shops and restaurants, low- or moderate-income areas in North and Southwest Philadelphia are seeing home-ownership rates drop, home prices fall, and properties stay vacant for too long..

Developers who already benefit from tax breaks should give back equivalent amounts in the form of affordable apartments or below-market rents for small business in their neighborhoods.

The report says just $20 million, which it calls "extremely modest" compared with the tax breaks provided to developers could help the Housing Trust Fund build low-income housing.

Quoted

"In 30 to 40 years from now, those folks will be the majority of the workforce, and if we're not investing in them now through the education system, and expanding housing opportunities, we are setting the whole city up for failure." Sauer

In terms of houses built, vacant lots cleaned, blighted properties fixed, the investment would come back many times over.

And with over 40,000 vacant or abandoned properties in Philadelphia, about a quarter of them publicly owned, the city is in a good position to negotiate deals with private developers Sauer says money from for-profit development must also be funneled into Philadelphia's ailing public schools.

"In 30-40 years from now, those folks will be the majority of the work force, and if we're not investing in them now through the education system, and expanding housing opportunities, we are setting the whole city up for failure," he said.

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Immigration. Philly activist to visit deportees in sanctuaries

Navarro / FILE PHOTO

Honduran immigrant Angela Navarro, 28, whose deportation order was lifted two months after she took sanctuary from federal authorities at a Kensington church, is leaving Philadelphia today to visit immigrants still avoiding deportation in sanctuary around the country.

Navarro will visit Denver, Phoenix and Tucson over the next seven days to provide support to immigrants in sanctuary at local churches and to demand their deportation orders be lifted.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Philadelphia

SRC approves five charters out of 39

The School Reform Commission (SRC) approved just five new charter schools out of 39 at their meeting this week.

Mayor Michael Nutter commended the SRC and said five new charters would not affect public school budgets.

Philadelphia Federation of Teachers president Jerry Jordan criticized the move.

"It is still five more charter schools than the district's budget can handle," he said.

The new charters are MAST Community Charter-Roosevelt, KIPP DuBois, Independence West, Mastery Charter-Gillespie and TECH Friere.

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Butt-injection vic wanted services

Silicone. A witness in a murder trial said the victim had already had one butt injection before she died.

Padge Victoria Windslowe
PPD

A witness in the murder trial of Padge Victoria Windslowe, charged with causing a woman's death via illegal silicone butt injection, testified Thursday that the victim asked for the service.

Scheffee Wilson acknowledged that she helped set up the butt-injection appointment for the woman who died, Claudia Seye Aderotomi of England, who was her cousin.

Aderotomi, 20, died 12 hours after the February 2011 injection.

Windslowe was arrested a year later, at another "pumping party" in February 2012, after which a 23-year-old woman had to be hospitalized.

Windslowe was charged with aggravated assault for the injuries to the woman, 23, and third-degree murder for Aderotomi's death.

Windslowe, 43, a transgender recording artist and performer known as "Black Madam," defended herself against murder charges in a letter she sent from prison to Metro.

She claimed she offered to plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter charges and was willing to serve "the maximum sentence" [five years], but that offer was denied.

Windslowe said she has used these same silicone injections on her own body for years."

"The Philadelphia District Attorney's Office would like to promote [the] thought that it was greed, recklessness and malice that fueled my conduct, however I swear that my aim was noble in nature," Windslowe wrote to Metro. "I simply really just loved the feeling of feeling that I was helping others feel more beautiful, wonderful and magical about themselves."

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Polar bear weather

A runner braves the cold to jog along the Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk on Feb. 19. Temps are forecast to hit 10 degrees Friday night before warming to the 30s over the weekend.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Philadelphia

Tate-Brown's mother may see video

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey told the media this week he will ask the district attorney's office allow him to hold a private screening of video showing the death of Brandon Tate-Brown for Tate-Brown's mother.

Tate-Brown was killed by two officers Dec. 15 after a traffic stop in Frankford. Police say they fired because Tate-Brown ran for a gun in the car, but his mother has questioned that story and demanded the release of video from a nearby store of the shooting.

The officers were cleared of any departmental violations and returned to active duty weeks ago. The DA's office is still reviewing the shooting.

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North Philly

Driver charged in '13 wrong-way crash

Robin Knight, 24, was charged with homicide by vehicle this week for a 2013 wrong-way crash on Roosevelt Boulevard that killed 36-year-old Althea Taylor.

Police say after drinking heavily, Knight was driving northbound in the southbound lanes of Roosevelt Boulevard near Cottman Avenue on Sept. 29, 2013, at around 2:36 a.m. when she hit Taylor's car. Taylor's husband and 3-year-old daughter survived. METRO

Robin Knight, 24 / PPD

Cops report success with new overdose nasal spray

Philadelphia. A growing number of officers are carrying a life-saving nasal spray for overdoses.

Two 24th District officers had just been trained in the administration of a nasal spray medication known as Naloxone when they caught their first overdose.

"We were actually coming back from the training and had just received the Narcan when we were flagged down by pedestrians for a female in a parking lot who was not breathing," Officer John Todt said of the incident involving a female near the Aramingo Avenue Mall.

The coincidence was striking to Todt and his partner, Officer Edward Troy.

"We just said the same thing — 'Is this really happening?'" Todt said.

After a dose of the medicine — known generically as Narcan — the woman was still unconscious and they drove her to a hospital, but she came to before they arrived, Todt said.

"She just looked at me, asked where she was," Todt said. "She said, 'Thank you.' She was really appreciative."

Todt and Troy are two of the 104 officers who have been trained in the use of Naloxone since Jan. 27.

According to 25th District Officer Moses Velez, who has already used the spray to save two people who had overdosed — one on Tuesday — Naloxone takes three to seven minutes to awake from an overdose.

"It felt good to be able to help him prior to rescue [paramedics] getting there," Velez said of the male he discovered overdosed on the railroad tracks near Lawrence and Clearfield streets, an area frequented by drug users.

Since Jan. 27, spray-equipped officers have found five overdoses and revived them, Deputy Commissioner Christine Coulter said at a press conference Thursday to announce results of the new spray's implementation.

"Hopefully it will give them one more chance to change their path, and we can give them back to their families," Coulter said.

Police Officer Joseph Reilly of the 25th District holds up a dose of the anti-overdose drug naloxone. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Naloxone

The PPD has spent $57,000 to acquire sufficient naloxone to equip 500 officers.

- The drug may eventually be given to officers department-wide.
- Currently it is only in use in the East Division.

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Fighting rages in Ukraine

Ukrainian soldiers drive tanks along the road leading out of Debaltseve in Artemivsk, Ukraine. / GETTY IMAGES

Hope. Western nations are refusing to give up on a peace deal brokered by France and Germany last week.

Fighting raged in eastern Ukraine on Thursday despite European efforts to resurrect a stillborn cease-fire, a day after pro-Russian separatists spurned the truce by forcing thousands of government troops out of a strategic town.

Shelling continued near that town on Thursday, and local officials in government-held territory said rebels had also fired mortar bombs at another town farther south. Kiev fears they are massing for an assault near the major port of Mariupol.

Thousands of weary and demoralized soldiers withdrew from Debaltseve on Wednesday in one of the worst defeats suffered by Kiev during 10 months of fighting in which more than 5,000 people have been killed.

European and U.S. officials have expressed hope that the cease-fire will hold now that the rebels, fighting for territory Russian President Vladimir Putin has called "New Russia," have achieved their immediate goal of taking Debaltseve.

But Reuters correspondents outside the rebel-held town of Vuhlehirsk said artillery shells were still falling on nearby Debaltseve, though with less intensity than earlier this week.

Reporters in the main rebel stronghold of Donestsk said there was also shelling in the area.

The Kiev government's biggest fear is of a rebel assault on Mariupol, a port of 500,000 people and by far the biggest government-held city in the two rebellious eastern provinces.

"Right now there are mortar attacks on Shyrokine," a military spokesman said, referring to a village about 20 miles east of Mariupol, along the coast of the Sea of Azov. REUTERS

Quoted

"There are no words to describe it. Along the entire way, we were blanketed with shots, wherever there were trees they fired at us from machine guns and grenade launchers. They used everything."

Vadim, a soldier from Ukraine's 30th brigade, told Reuters in Artemivsk, a government-held town north of Debaltseve where the soldiers assembled after they withdrew.

Residents

Pro-Islamic State militants seize Libyan university

Militants claiming loyalty to Islamic State have seized the university in the central Libyan city of Sirte, residents said on Thursday, days after a video showed them staging a convoy parade.

Islamist militants have made inroads into parts of the North African oil-producing country, exploiting a power vacuum created by a violent struggle for control between two competing governments.

On Monday, Egyptian planes struck suspected Islamic State targets in eastern Libya, after the group released a video showing the execution of 21 Egyptian Christians kidnapped in Sirte.

On Wednesday, Egypt and the official Libyan government asked the United Nations Security Council to lift an arms embargo and help build up the army to tackle the jihadists.

"The group took control of the university yesterday," a Sirte resident said, asking not to be named. A picture posted on social media showed an Islamic State flag at the university's entrance. REUTERS

Quoted

"Two days ago, they had already seized the city's administrative complex and expelled all employees."

Sirte resident

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Accused bomber's lawyers say cannot get fair trial in Boston

Trial. Tsarnaev could face the death penalty if convicted, a fact that has also complicated jury selection.

The attorneys for the accused Boston Marathon bomber on Thursday asked a U.S. appellate panel to override a federal judge and order his trial moved out of the city, saying an impartial jury could not be seated so close to the site of the deadly 2013 attack.

U.S. District Judge George O'Toole has three times rejected pleas by Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's lawyers to move the trial out of the city where the bombing killed three people and injured 264.

Tsarnaev. / JANE FLAVELL COLLINS

Quoted

"You aren't going to have people in Washington who say, 'My best friend was standing by the finish line.'" Mizner

"This attack was viewed as an attack on the marathon itself ... and an attack on the city of Boston," attorney Judith Mizner, representing Tsarnaev, 21, told the three-judge panel.

Thousands of Boston-area residents were crowded around the race's finish line when twin bombs went off on April 15, 2013, and hundreds of thousands were ordered to remain in their homes four days later while police conducted a massive manhunt for Tsarnaev.

That degree of personal connection to the incident will make it very difficult to empanel an impartial jury in Boston, said Mizner, adding that would be less of a problem in other major cities in the United States. REUTERS

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Police

Suspect arrested in road-rage shooting death of Las Vegas mom

The suspect in the shooting
LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE

A suspect in the road-rage killing of a Las Vegas mother of four was arrested on Thursday after police descended on a home not far from the scene of the shooting, law enforcement officials said.

Officers had surrounded the home where the suspect was arrested earlier on Thursday, saying they were attempting in a "tactical phase" to take him into custody. Neighbors told CNN that officers were addressing someone named "Eric" through loudspeakers.

Witnesses have said that there may have been three people in that car at the time of the confrontation.

According to Las Vegas police Lieutenant Ray Steiber, who spoke to reporters at a news conference earlier this week, the incident began around 11:20 p.m. on Feb. 12 when the silver sedan sped alongside Meyers as she drove home after giving her 15-year-old daughter a driving lesson.

After Meyers' daughter reached over from the passenger side and honked at the speeding car, a suspect described by police as a white man in his 20s or early 30s got out and yelled at them, Steiber told the news conference.

Meyers sped away and drove home, where her daughter got out of the car, and her son got in, carrying a loaded handgun, Steiber said.

Mother and son drove through the neighborhood in search of the other car and driver but, after failing to find them, returned home, only to have the suspect vehicle arrive and open fire on them, according to Steiber.

Meyers' son returned fire, Steiber said, and discovered his mother had been shot as the suspect vehicle fled. REUTERS

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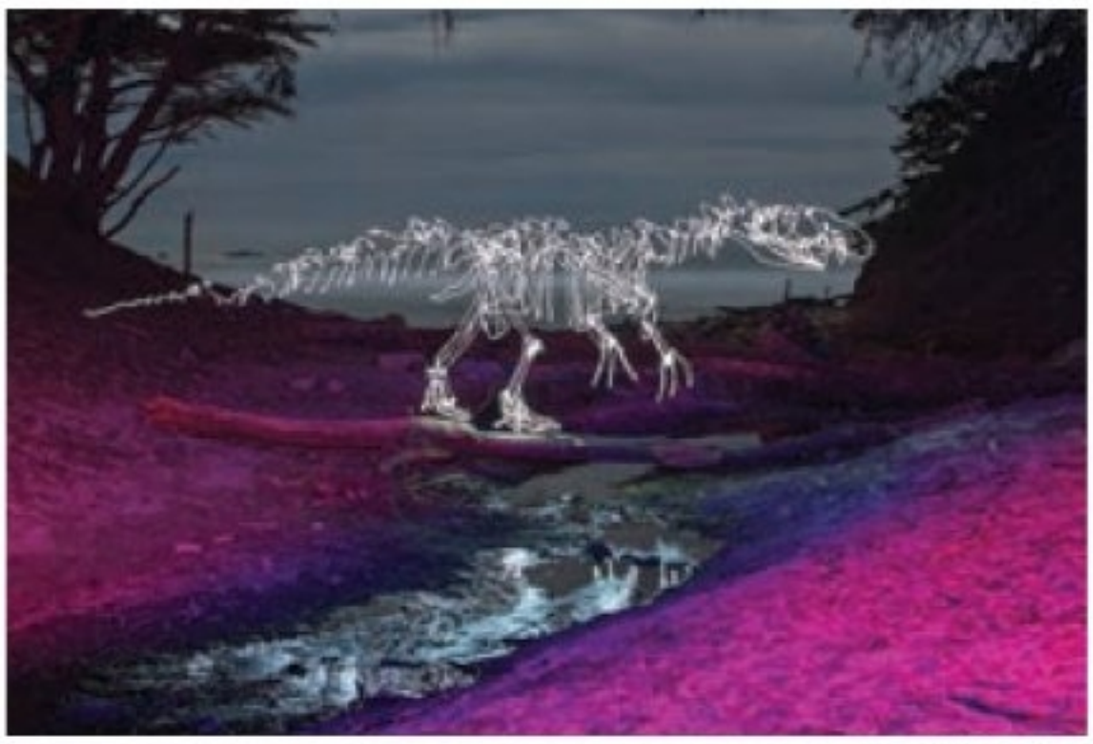

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Photography series

Dinosaurs born in light painting

Light can become a paintbrush that gives life to dark landscapes. 31-year-old L.A.-based artist and Instagrammer Darren Pearson has created stunning characters using long-exposure light painting techniques. Dinosaurs, unicorns and even aliens are some of what Pearson has spawned using his clever camera trickery.

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Q&A

"Picasso inspired me"

What inspired you to do light painting?
I began light painting in 2007 after picking up a LIFE photo book and seeing this image of Picasso using light to draw a centaur in 1949. For me, the photo represented an intersection of two art forms: illustration and photography. This was my "eureka" moment.

What is the process to create the images?
The process is called light painting through use of long exposure photography. Basically, the camera is on a tripod at night, and I illustrate toward the lens with a torch. The camera picks up trails wherever I move the light. I can't see it, but I try and imagine what it will look like when I'm done.

How do you choose the right place to do light painting?
I usually look for areas like national parks, abandoned structures, or interesting geological formations. Often, I use satellite imagery to plan the trip — scouting at sunset — and begin shooting when the skies are dark.

Do you use special equipment to create the images?
I use a variety of tools to create the images — a self-made LED light-pen for the white lines, light attachments for the larger colored lines, and LED light-pods and gelled spotlights for coloring the environment.

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Three things to know

1 NSA says Sony attack traced to North Korea after software analysis

The National Security Agency (NSA) identified North Korea as the source of the recent cyberattack on Sony Pictures Entertainment after analyzing the software used in the intrusion, NSA Director Admiral Michael Rogers said.

Speaking to a Canadian security conference, Rogers explained that the discovery was part of the agency's efforts to develop software to counter cyberattacks.

"We ultimately ended up generating the signatures to recognize the activity ... used against Sony," Rogers said. "From the time the malware left North Korea to the time it got to Sony's headquarters in California, it crossed four different commanders' lines or areas in the U.S. construct."

Sony's network was attacked by hackers in November as the company prepared to release "The Interview," a comedy about a fictional plot to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. The attack was followed by online leaks of unreleased movies and emails that caused embarrassment to executives and Hollywood personalities.

North Korea has described the accusation as "groundless slander."

Rogers said that cyberthreats are different from physical threats since they travel beyond geographical boundaries. REUTERS

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2 Jobless claims fall as labor market gains momentum

The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell more than expected last week, offering fresh evidence that the labor market was gathering steam.

The labor market also got a boost from Wal-Mart, which said it would spend more than $1 billion this year to increase pay for 40 percent of its U.S. workforce. REUTERS

Claims

283K

Initial claims for state unemployment benefits dropped 21,000 to a seasonally adjusted 283,000 for the week ended Feb. 14.

3 Hazmat team responds to LA courthouse over suspicious letters

A hazardous materials team was sent to a Los Angeles courthouse on Thursday over suspicious letters mailed to court personnel, but no evacuation was ordered and business continued without interruption, officials said.

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5 Ways your dog made you a better human

Pets. The Westminster Kennel Club has its top dog, and so do you.

Miss P the beagle took home barking rights at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show this week, but there's no debating that the real top dog is the one sitting next to you.

Whether you've trained him to stay off the couch or he's watching TV snuggled closer than your sweetie, he didn't become your best friend because of a shiny coat and perfect posture. It happened the same way any friendship does: shared interests, mutual respect, enjoying each other's company.

And, like the best of friends, along the way, your dog made you a better person, too.

1 Made you more emotionally intelligent. There is nothing more motivating to developing any latent telepathy skills you may have than trying to communicate with someone who doesn't speak your language (or any language). The next thing to mind-reading is learning to read their body language — you know which wag of the tail means they're happy, and which means they're impatient and your shoe is going to pay for it.

2 Regulated your sleep schedule. Bet the last time you regularly got up before 7 a.m. was during freshman year of college. But when your dog has to go, so do you.

3 Taught you good management skills. Whatever their size, dogs tend to have larger-than-life personalities. Some habits are endearing, while others require your guidance to manage. You learn to give encouragement, acknowledge success and, yes, discipline. Dogs only respect you if you respect them — a lesson direct from Management 101.

4 Held you accountable. Making a plan and sticking to it maybe wasn't your strong point before. But when there's someone expecting you that you can't just blow off or reassure with a text, you'd better be there. Run out of dog food because you didn't feel like dragging a 30-pound bag home? Guess Fido is eating your dinner.

Being a good friend won't win him any awards, but he does it anyway. / ISTOCK

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Put things in perspective

Dogs can sense when you're feeling gloomy, and they're not so much into giving you space to resolve it. You can sulk, and they may commiserate with you for a while, but not indefinitely. Life is still going on, and there's no better reminder of that than a dog who still needs everything they needed yesterday, and will need tomorrow — and that means you have to be the same person you were before whatever happened to cause your bad mood, too.

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‘A little bit shocking to be a band again’

Interview. Corin Tucker talks about the unlikely reunion of Sleater-Kinney and the band’s new album, “No Cities to Love.”

“It’s [like] experiencing a resurrection,” Tucker says of playing together again. / ALL PHOTOS BY BRIGETTE SIRE

Earlier this month, when Sleater-Kinney took the stage for their first full show in almost a decade, singer and guitarist Corin Tucker felt overwhelmed.

“It’s a very physical thing to do Sleater-Kinney,” she says. The band, which also consists of guitarist and singer Carrie Brownstein and drummer Janet Weiss, went on hiatus in 2005. They’ve spent the past decade focusing on separate projects including, for Brownstein, “Portlandia.”

Oddly enough, the Sleater-Kinney reunion came about because of “Portlandia.” Brownstein was visiting Tucker to show her a clip from the current season that featured her son. The conversation naturally turned to music, and Tucker asked Brownstein, “Do you ever think we’re going to do that again?” We talk to Tucker about the emotional decision to revive the iconic band.

Before talk of a Sleater-Kinney reunion came about, when you and Carrie would see each other, was there any tension? Why was a reunion never mentioned before?

I think, at the time that we decided to go on hiatus, it was pretty clear that we wanted to do other things. I wanted to have a bigger family and Carrie wanted to try writing comedy. And it just felt like those were big aspirations that were outside the band, and we felt lucky that those things happened the way that they did. It went really well, and we were supportive of each other’s accomplishments. And those are not small endeavors. They take up a lot of time and space in our lives, so I don’t think we would ever do Sleater-Kinney in an offhand or half-assed way.

Was getting the band back together a spontaneous decision?

It was just in the moment. We were talking about music, and we had both played music with other people — I had a band, and Carrie and Janet played in Wild Flag — and honestly, it was just a thought that popped into my mind.

One of the most riveting things to watch onstage with Sleater-Kinney has always been the almost telepathic communication between band members.

Yeah, I mean, there definitely is that chemistry, and I think, just in the four shows that we’ve done, there’s already been a lot of that going on. I think the first show was almost like a little bit shocking to be a band again, in a good way! It definitely felt like we were experiencing a resurrection.

Some of the songs on the album feel like they’re about the three of you as a band. There’s that line in “Surface Envy,” where you sing, “We win, we lose, only together do we break the rules.”

The inspiration for that song was me thinking about how, when we did finally have the conversation of, “OK, we’re going to do this for real and make a whole new record,” that was a really intense moment. It was like, “Wow! Can I jump back into this career that I absolutely love that involves some travel?” And so it was really challenging for me, being a mom, but it’s what I love to do, and I just have to be super assertive about things and really good at planning things. It’s just all of the emotions that came from that conversation went into that song.

Not your typical day job

How do you talk about Sleater-Kinney to your kids? Have they always known what it has meant to you?

I think that I try to explain to them that it’s my job and that I love doing it, and it’s different from other parents’ jobs. I have to travel for it and that’s hard for a family, but both parents should be able to work and do a career that’s important to them. We’re just trying to make it work for our family.

Like riding a bike

Was there anything about your muscle memory that surprised you?

There were definitely songs that my hands would remember before my brain would. All of “Dig Me Out” my hands will remember because we played it so many times. But other songs that we did, like “Oh!” that for some reason, which is not that complicated of a song, I had to go back and relearn it.

Keeping it a secret

You began recording in 2012, and recording new music is something that takes up a big space in your mind and heart. I’d imagine it wasn’t easy to stay mum about it.

We weren’t that secretive about it. We would tell people what was going on when asked, and it was a “just between you and me, this is what’s going on” thing, so we told probably about 200 people, including Sub Pop. Everybody there knew for a while what was going on. It’s surprising to me that it didn’t get out more than it did.

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YO, HOLLYWOOD WE NEED MORE GIRLS IN STEM

There are a lot of reasons we see few girls in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers. It's not encouraged in schools; math and science toys are marketed to boys, not girls; and the industries, like game design, tend to be sexist as well. (Anyone remember scientist Matt Taylor's choice of a shirt full of scantily clad ladies during the broadcast of the historic landing of a ship on a comet? Classy, sir.)

How do we change this? One way Hollywood can help is to give us more examples of women with jobs and interests in STEM. Geena Davis said it beautifully in McKinsey Quarterly: "If women are depicted as one-dimensional, stereotyped, hypersexualized or simply absent, it sends a clear message: Women are not as important as men. And that has an enormous impact on business and society." President Obama weighed in on this as well. During an interview with NBC, he expressed concern about the rarity of women as engineers in entertainment.

The few great examples for girls are usually drowned out by things like the Barbie book "I Can Be a Computer Engineer." If you haven't seen it, the storyline involves Barbie designing a game and not being able to do it without the help of her male friends. "I'm only creating the design ideas," Barbie says, laughing. "I'll need Steve and Brian's help to turn it into a real game." When the discussion after "Big Hero 6" is about how refreshing it is to see women in STEM careers, one is struck by the fact that the discussion has to take place at all.

SCIENTIST MATT TAYLOR'S WARDROBE INCLUDES A SHIRT WITH SCANTILY CLAD LADIES.

Barbie's half-hearted attempt to become a computer engineer is not a great inspiration for women. MATTEL, RANDOM HOUSE PUBLICATIONS

One idea

Recast the role

What's important here is that we make some changes across the board. Maybe the engineer or pilot in your favorite TV episode is a woman. It doesn't have to be an event where a technician who shows up to answer a call is — big reveal — a woman. Shock! Just change the gender. Change what the face of a STEM career looks like in entertainment, and I guarantee we're going to see a change in who decides to go into the STEM fields.

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Who and what should win this year's Oscars

We hope "The Grand Budapest Hotel" wins Best Picture at the Oscars, airing Sunday at 7 p.m. on ABC. / FOX SPOTLIGHT

Trophies. The Oscars are this Sunday. But rather than waste your time with predictions we'll get wrong, here's something slightly more useful: what we'd pick, if anyone had asked us.

Supporting Actress

Keira Knightley

JACK ENGLISH

Let's hear it for Keira Knightley, who took what could have been a dull, throwaway supporting role in the war drama "The Imitation Game" and quietly ran away with the film, outshining even co-star and fellow nominee Benedict Cumberbatch.

Picture

'The Grand Budapest Hotel'

Wes Anderson's latest is the kind of carefully crafted, completely realized vision that should be edging out heavy-hitters like "Boyhood" and "Birdman."

Director

Wes Anderson

Given that he's created his own style of filmmaking, it's frankly incredible that Anderson hasn't won a directing Oscar before "The Grand Budapest Hotel."

Actor

Bradley Cooper

Hype demands Michael Keaton or Eddie Redmayne win this, but Bradley Cooper's steely and quietly anguished turn in "American Sniper" was one of the reasons Clint Eastwood's war drama was more complicated than its fans and detractors claim.

Actress

Julianne Moore

For once, everyone seems to be in agreement, because no performance this year came close to this year's inevitable winner, Julianne Moore, for "Still Alice."

Supporting Actor

J.K. Simmons

He may be only slightly less intimidating than his "Oz" Neo-Nazi, but J.K. Simmons' jazz instructor was still an intimidating portrait of the artist as sociopath.

Original screenplay

'The Grand Budapest Hotel'

Anderson's films are constructed top-to-bottom, and the riots of pink and spot-on performances in "The Grand Budapest Hotel" are nothing without the solid foundation of its script.

Adapted screenplay

'Inherent Vice'

If only because "Inherent Vice" isn't nominated in more categories, Paul Thomas Anderson should take this award. Also of note is that he did the impossible: bringing a Thomas Pynchon novel to the screen.

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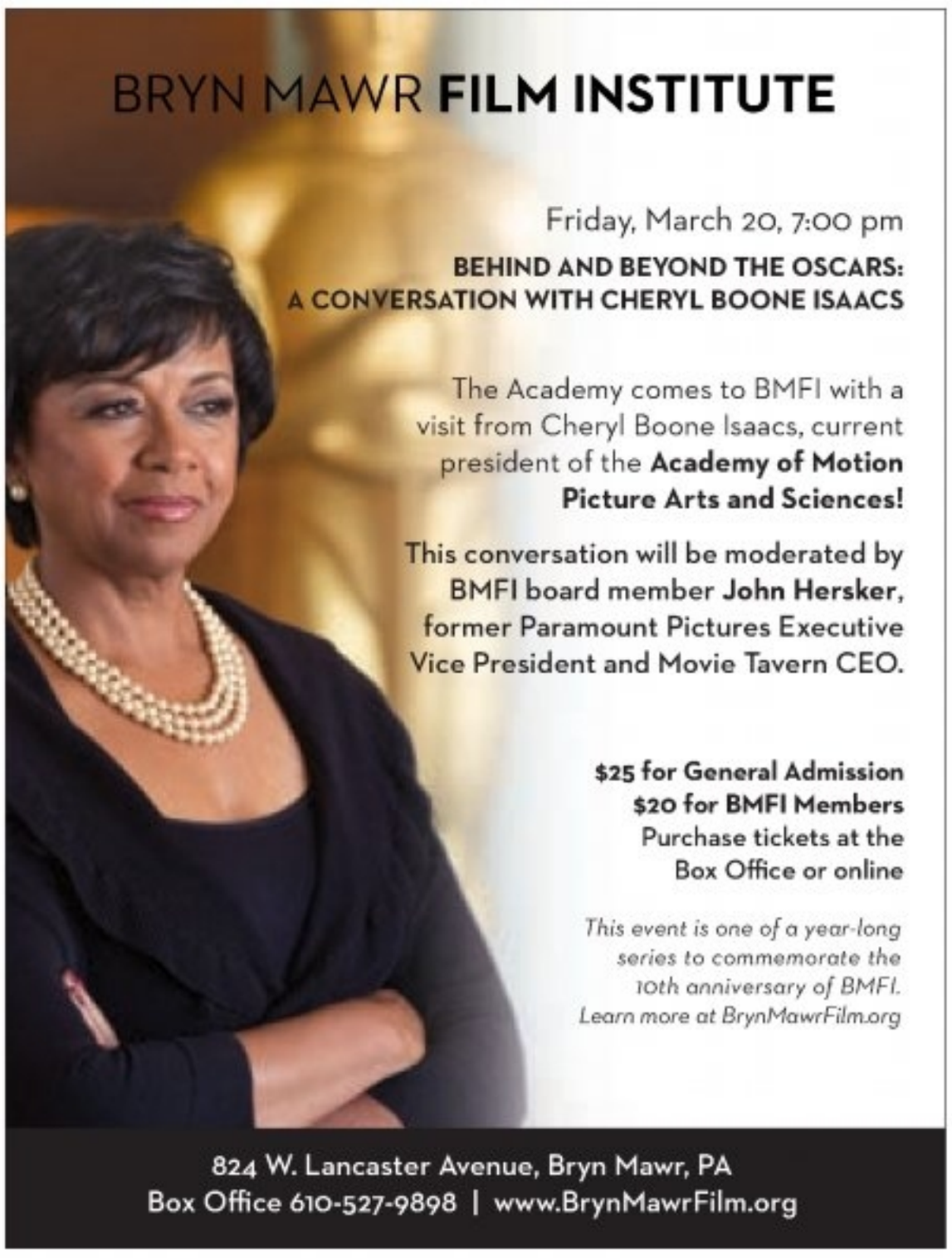
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Drama. Kevin Costner is a white savior, again, in 'McFarland, USA'

Based on a true story, of course, "McFarland, USA" tells of Jim White (Kevin Costner), a disgraced football coach who winds up in a poor Mexican neighborhood in California. There, he reinvents himself training a septet of poor kids into cross-country racing gods.

In "McFarland, USA," Kevin Costner has much more screen time than the young racers he's training. / RON PHILLIPS

The lowdown: In "Black or White" Costner played an alkie who helped everyone navigate our country's modern racial landscape and also saved a junkie. In the far less questionable — which is to say still very, very questionable — "McFarland, USA," he's another white savior to minorities, saving Hispanic kids and learning what a quinceanera is.

That Costner's White will come around to their world is a given, but the film does treat his journey with more sincerity than most films of its ilk. It ties white assimilation into another world to class and race, unfolding in a country in which success means wealth and pulling one's self up by the bootstraps (i.e., escaping whatever hell from which you sprang). So that's the good thing, but the less good thing is that "McFarland"'s actual interest in the Mexican portion of its cast is superficial. Of the seven runners, only three get any personality, and even then they're mere types. It winds up with the kind of nobility that is itself condescending and casually, unconsciously racist-ish. And the races aren't even well-shot. **MATT PRIGGE**

Review

'McFarland, USA'

Director: Niki Caro

Stars: Kevin Costner, Maria Bello

Rating: PG

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Children in the film "Timbuktu" try to carry on while living under Islamist extremist rule. / COHEN MEDIA GROUP

Oscar nominee. 'Timbuktu' is more than just an incredibly incisive film about terrorism

A nominee for the foreign language film Oscar, the latest from Mauritanian filmmaker Abderrahmane Sissako ("Bamako"), zeroes in on the titular Mali city as it's overtaken by a band of fumbling but still dangerous Islamist extremists who outlaw music, sports and smoking, only to talk football and sneak off for cigarettes when no one's looking.

The lowdown: "Timbuktu" is a serious (which is to say reasonably comedic) examination of life under extremist rule that arrives in a climate thick with fear. But it's not the kind of film a zealot holds up to beat any side of the debate; it offers no easy answers and could even be susceptible to misinterpretation, particularly by those who haven't seen it. It's a patient art film that humanizes its extremists, but in a way that only makes them scarier because you get a better understanding of how they've been misled. But it's about more than that; it's a gentle look at a community thriving despite the jerks. "Timbuktu"'s passion comes in its refusal to give itself over to anger.

Review

'Timbuktu'

Director: Abderrahmane Sissako

Stars: Ibrahim Ahmed, Toulou Kiki

Rating: PG-13

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Review

'What We Do in the Shadows'

A vampire mock-doc probably couldn't fill a TV series, but a film that runs shy of 90 minutes works just fine. Hanging in a house of single bloodsuckers — including filmmakers Taika Waititi and Jemaine Clement — "Shadows" crams jokes into every nook and cranny, and more than one would expect stick the landing. Each character is a secret or overt sweetheart, yet that they gorily dispatch their human prey is a nice shock. Any longer and it would curdle, but as is, it's perfect in its own deceptively unassuming way. MP

Vampire Taika Waititi is not at all stressed that he lacks a reflection. / PALADIN FILMS

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Painting with gold

Museum. The new PMA exhibit includes work from 16 generations of a Japanese artistic school.

"Birds and Flowers of the Four Seasons," top, painted by Kano Motonobu in 1550 and "Birds and Flowers of the Four Seasons," bottom, painted by Kiyohara Yukinobu in the 1600s are part of "Ink and Gold: Art of the Kano," at the Art Museum through May 10. / PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

"Ink and Gold: Art of the Kano" at the Philadelphia Museum of Art showcases the work of 16 generations of an influential Japanese artistic dynasty, much of which has never before been seen outside of its home country. Spanning 400 years, the exhibit reveals the story of the Kano painters, who created stunning works marked by their use of gold leaf.

"This is a show about a remarkable chapter in the history of Japanese painting," said Museum director Timothy Rub. "It's about a school of painting that became extraordinarily important to the development of Japanese painting. ... It's a story about patronage, about shogun rulers and the painters who served their political and social goals, and it's, in essence, about the genius of Japanese art."

Beginning in the 15th century, the Kano School thrived via the patronage of the country's military and political elite. Many of the pieces in "Ink and Gold," the majority of which are finely detailed and ethereal scenes crafted for sliding doors and folding screens, were commissioned by the shogunates to display their power.

But as curator Felice Fischer pointed out during a tour, these images aren't the typical scenes one might expect from military leaders.

"The military in Japan didn't go for self-portraits on horseback to show their military might," Fischer explained. "They wanted to show their cultural might."

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Mythology

What you'll see

Themes recur century after century in the Kano School, including figures from Chinese mythology, natural landscapes and Confucian subjects. Due to the artworks' age and delicacy, new selections will be rotated in twice during the show's three-month run.

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How to move on after being unlucky in love

Perhaps your love life hasn't exactly worked out the way you'd planned. Maybe you've come through a rough marriage, you've had a number of challenging relationships with precisely the wrong partners, or situations in your love life have you thinking there isn't a match for you. In this age of social media, it's even more difficult because not only do you have your own feelings to contend with, but you also have an endless stream of engagement rings and pregnancy posts on your Facebook feed. All this does is cause you to reflect on a simple fact: You're not in a relationship right now, and love sucks.

I understand. Really, I get it. But please consider this: A relationship does not define you. It can complement you ... but it doesn't define you.

Maybe today it feels like all relationships are crap. I hear you. Being around others who are in the midst of enjoying someone else can conjure that. So, if you feel that way — do it. Feel the anger and bitterness that stem from a past relationship gone wrong. But while you're doing it, please recognize a couple of things:

Give yourself a time limit for your feelings

It's okay to be pissed off, but don't harbor those feelings for long periods of time. A closed heart not only breeds anger and resentment, it can never receive love.

Recognize that not all relationships are the same

Although it might feel like all men/women are all the same, they aren't. There are great men and women out there. Just because you don't have a date today doesn't mean that you will be loveless. Try to keep things in perspective.

Realize that broken hearts heal

But they don't heal through anger — they heal through recognition. They don't heal through regret — they heal through reflection. They don't heal through feelings of failure — they heal through acceptance. And moving on is not about blame — it's about surrender.

It's time to stop wondering what might have been. / ISTOCK

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Stop regretting your past relationships

Even if your past relationships were bad or challenging, everything you have experienced has been prologue to this moment, and here you are still standing. Every situation in our lives makes us bitter or better and you can choose which at any time. Whatever has happened, you can't change it, and you can't forget it. Instead, embrace it and move on. Bottom line: You win some, you learn some.

Great love is out there, but it might not appear until you let go of your past. Anything else is allowing your past to control you, and there is no use in looking back unless you plan on going that way.

Coupled or not, you can have a beautiful life if you choose to embrace the possibilities around you.

Real-world love advice

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Too bad John Goodman couldn't play Roseanne's husband on "Cristela." / ADAM TAYLOR, ABC

DRAMA

'Hawaii Five-0'

The team works with an ATF agent from California after a series of fires are set on Oahu. Does it somehow seem scarier for a fire to start on an island? **FRIDAY, 9 P.M., CBS**

'The Walking Dead'

Rick and the others meet someone who seems friendly after a nasty storm, but is anyone ever completely friendly on this show? There are kind of a lot of trust issues all around. **SUNDAY, 9 P.M., AMC**

COMEDY

'Cristela'

Cristela finds herself in the unusual position of acting as a marriage counselor for Trent and Veronica. In this millennial world, we all have multiple skill sets, right? **FRIDAY, 8:30 P.M., ABC**

REALITY

'Cutthroat Kitchen'

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Rugged and glam

Reviews

Ralph Lauren

The prairie babes who opened Ralph Lauren's show Thursday sauntered down the runway in lean, cozy knits, feathered skirts, faux fur vests and sweeping ponchos perfect for life on the frontier. But even pioneer women have parties to attend, and the show took a sharp turn trading in its soft textures and sandy colors for slick big-city-ready evening wear. The black masculine suits (complete with ties) and slinky, held-by-a-thread gowns got the job done, but our hearts were still back on the range. **TINA CHADHA**

Marchesa

The St. Regis hotel's opulent chandeliers and ornate gold-framed paintings provided the perfect setting for Georgina Chapman and Keren Craig's seductive take on 1920s glamour. Sultry, flapper-inspired evening wear — including skin-baring dresses embellished with feathers, crystals, beads and swingy silk fringe — felt more modern and decadent than any poofy gown. Not a dress gal? Sexy, spliced tops paired with skinny black trousers provided the perfect alternative. We can't wait to see which one shows up on the Oscars red carpet. **TC**

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Anna Sui

Fashion's flower child had a decidedly less hippie-dippy muse this fall: vikings. But warrior shearlings and shaggy parkas proved a cozy fit with Anna Sui's signature exuberantly patterned dresses and boho vibe. The knit Valkyrie hat, worn with a "celestial silver" sequined dress and faux fur cape that closed the show, was a nice, whimsical touch. **RAQUEL LANERI**

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1 Trolls drive Iggy Azalea offline

Congratulations, Internet. You scared off Iggy Azalea. The Australian rapper returned from a little post-Grammys vacation only to be utterly dismayed by the social media reactions to some photos of her on the beach. She was so dismayed, in fact, that she went on an epic Twitter tirade, culminating in her announcing she's taking her Twitter ball and going home because you're all jerks.

"Just got back from a great vacation, came online and saw apparently it's shocking and unheard of to be a woman and have cellulite," she wrote. "I feel the hatred and pettiness I see online at all times is at making me become an angry person and I cannot be that. To become nasty because of the way I feel I am treated would be a disservice to my fans and I promise I will try to keep smiling. But I also want to let my fans know I am taking some time away from social media. I need to be happy and it is too negative and draining. My management will tweet/run my accounts from today onwards." Not quite done, she popped back in a few minutes later to add the rather poetic, "The Internet is the ugliest reflection of mankind there is." Dang, Iggy.

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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2 Eddie Murphy turned down a Cosby impression for 'SNL 40'

If you were one of former "Saturday Night Live" star Norm MacDonald's Twitter followers this week, you were in for a tweet. MacDonald let loose with well over 100 tweets about getting ready for the epic 40th anniversary show, describing the process of putting together the "Celebrity Jeopardy" sketch, which grew and grew — and almost included Eddie Murphy doing a Bill Cosby impression. "Eddie Murphy, I realize, is not like the rest of us. Eddie does not need the laughs," MacDonald writes, explaining Murphy's decision to bow out of the bit, with Keenan Thompson playing the gag instead. Notably, if you check the Internet Archive Wayback Machine, MacDonald had something like 420,000 Twitter followers in January, and after his storytelling efforts, he's now sitting at 516,000.

LISA WEIDENFELD

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Oh, Hugh Grant.

3 Hugh Grant knows how to sour a relationship

Hugh Grant insists he and ex-girlfriend Elizabeth Hurley are on great terms, but that's probably not the case right this moment, as Grant was a little too candid about their breakup in an interview with Andy Cohen. "She's still my best friend. The sex bit probably fizzled out, but now she's my absolute best friend," Grant says, adding she's "the number one person I call in a crisis." But probably not this crisis, right? Grant also revealed he's not on such chummy terms with "Notting Hill" co-star Julia Roberts. "I've probably made too many jokes about the size of her mouth," he says. "She might hate me by now."

4 Fashion Week mean girls go after Kendall Jenner again

Girls can be so cruel. Kendall Jenner is just trying to make a go of it as a model, working the New York Fashion Week runways for the likes of Marc Jacobs, Alexander Wang and Donna Karen, and the more established models just won't play nice. Vogue Germany posted a backstage pic of Jenner on its Instagram feed, only to have models Lexi Boling and Binx Walton make the snide comments. Boling started off with, "She's never looked better," followed by the old "crying laughter" emoji, to which Walton replied, "That's f—ed up," with the same snarky icon. The comments were quickly deleted, though, and Boling issued an apology, saying, "I wasn't thinking and made a silly comment." Indeed.

Leave Kendall alone.
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Letters to the editor

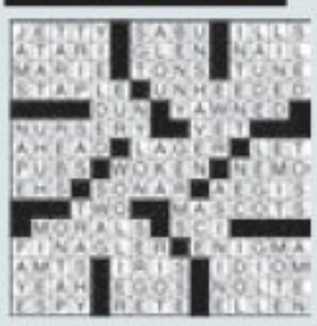
Not the meat of it

Re: 'Bible doesn't advocate for veganism' (Metro, Feb. 18)
The line that hurt me to the core: "There are abundant medical and ethical reasons to forgo meat without consulting inconsistent, inaccurate collection of Bronze Age folk tales." What does that the above statement have to do with Lent? According to my pastor, Lent is a period of time when you need to look inward. Do you say one thing and really mean something else? It has nothing to do with what you eat or don't eat. This is a time for inward contemplation. It is a time to get closer to God.
SHERALYN TINSLEY

For the wrong reasons

Those anxious to hear Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu speak need to remember a couple things. First, there is no indication Iran is anywhere near weaponizing its nuclear research, never mind producing a working weapon. Second, Netanyahu or his office have already leaked details of the negotiations to the Israeli media, distorting key elements in doing so and undermining the sensitive diplomacy involved. Third, the GOP broke both diplomatic protocol and possibly federal law issuing this invitation in the first place. Finally, Speaker John Boehner has publicly admitted this was a purely political move. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA EMAIL**

Thursday's answer



IT'S TIME TO 'SEND IN THE FROWNS'

Opinion

TOM FOREMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT FOR CNN

When I lived in New Orleans some years back I awaited Mardi Gras with a fever, and this past week I returned for a few days of parades, music in the streets and the finest food on the planet. I need this now and then like Frankenstein needs a date with the power plant, and my wife needs to see what's happening on "The Bachelor."

The unhinged joy of Carnival is an annual reminder of how to be happy, how brightly colored drinks can kick the teeth out of your head, and how some people really should keep their clothes on ... at least in the daylight.

But most of all, it makes people remember what it is like to have fun. Real fun. The kind that makes everyone think he or she is a good dancer, compels strangers to hug, and convinces everyone that an armload of cheap plastic beads is worth more than a Maserati full of Cristal.

This is why I think next year, as every presidential campaign is raging (and they will be, trust me) each candidate should take a couple of days to go to the Mardi Gras.

Hear me out. Think of many recent campaigns and ask yourself, "What have they been marked by?" (Go ahead. Do it. It will totally freak out the other people on the train!) The answer: Partisan bitterness, vicious attacks, and snarky comebacks. Their actual campaign slogans could be "Send in the Frowns." And yet, while this may make the strategists feel tough, whom do we elect? Candidates who make us feel good.

Ronald Reagan told excellent jokes. Bill Clinton had a warm smile. Barack Obama was all hope and change. And they seemed happy. And that made many Americans feel optimistic. And that's how you get elected these days.

True, New Orleans is not like any other city and going there for a break during a tough election may seem odd. But amid the flying beads, bras and bourbon just might be the secret to winning the White House ... or to not caring so much if you lose.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Horoscope

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Your warmth and compassion will be an asset to a benevolent or charitable cause. Assisting elderly people or ailing family members will intensify your sympathetic nature.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
An opportunity to make money or raise your earning potential is within reach. Keep track of your expenditures and leave enough leeway in your budget for an unexpected home repair.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21
Be a participant. Once you get involved in community affairs, you will be surprised at the number of interesting people you meet.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
If you have been exaggerating or spreading rumors, you will be accused of meddling. Keep busy doing something that is beneficial to you.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Get involved in things that you enjoy doing. You will meet someone who will prompt you to think differently or will spark your imagination. A chance to travel will lead to experience.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
Mixing financial and emotional issues can be costly. If your generosity is eating into your savings account, curb your spending.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
A partnership will be on shaky ground if you don't make an effort to share your thoughts. Schedule time to discuss your plans for the future or to re-establish responsibilities.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Impress your superiors by putting in more effort. Prove how seriously you take your position by presenting your ideas for a more efficient workplace.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Cultural differences and philosophies will intrigue you. There is plenty of knowledge available on the Internet. Don't limit yourself to the same old routines.

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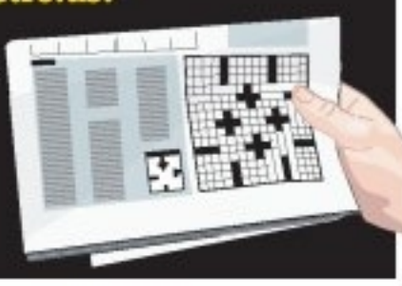

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Don't get upset about things you cannot change. Traffic woes or unanticipated weather changes are unpleasant, but emotional outbursts will not help you get along with others or mend a negative situation.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Someone you consider a casual acquaintance may have a more romantic motive in mind. Be honest about your feelings. If handled properly, you will end up with friendship.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Financial gains lie ahead. An opportunity to change your profession should be considered. A minor health ailment should be checked out. **EUGENIA LAST**

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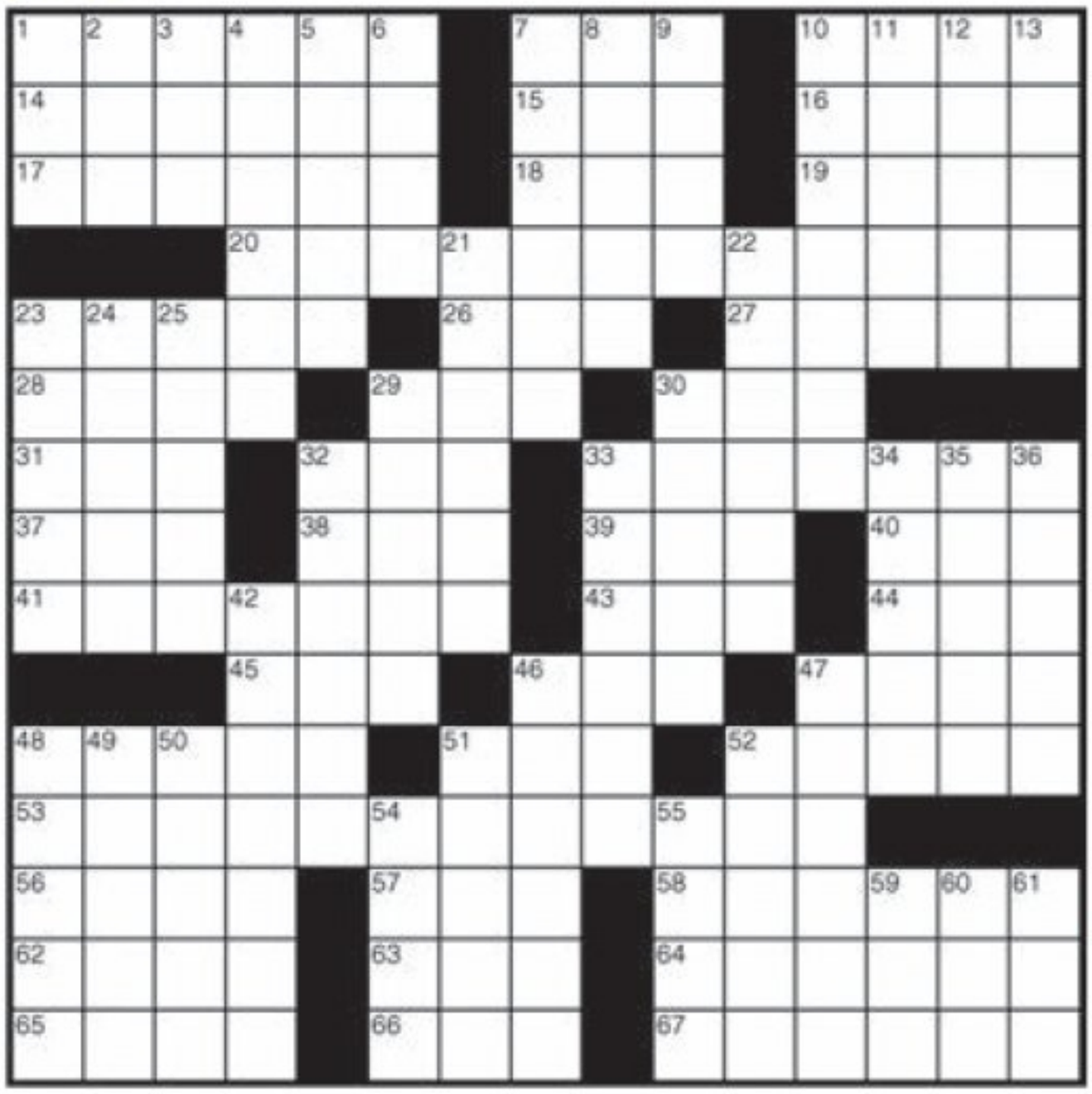

Across

1 Summer wear
7 Chart shape
10 Night crawler
14 Baltimore baseballer
15 Electric bridge
16 Urn homophone
17 Weaken
18 Bleacher shout
19 "Faint heart — won ..."
20 Stifling yawns (3 wds.)
23 Tangles
26 Woodland creature
27 Squander
28 Tire supports
29 Sewing kit item
30 Quarry
31 Guitar, slangily
32 Wolf, say
33 Secures a horse
37 Quick turn
38 Strive to win
39 Gallery display
40 Iota
41 Kind of sale (hyph.)
43 Monkey with
44 Dog days in Dijon
45 Niagara Falls prov.
46 Neutral color
47 Mouse target?
48 Curly coifs
51 Soccer —
52 Survey course
53 Creepy feelings
56 Bank feature
57 Actor — Wallach
58 Eaves hanger
62 Sheik colleague
63 Anderson Cooper's network
64 Strut
65 Arms the alarm
66 Toga-party order
67 Lure

Down

1 Install a lawn
2 Jackie's second
3 None
4 Questions
5 Low voices
6 Suggestive look
7 Inmate's hope
8 Burnt up
9 Nymph who pined away
10 Under
11 Locales
12 Sluggish
13 Close-mouthed
21 Fixed a manuscript
22 Singer Conway —
23 Cartoon cat
24 Undeliverable mail
25 Alpha opposite
29 Coat for a house
30 Evita or Juan
32 All the same (2 wds.)
33 Teahouse mat
34 Bounce
35 Generator part
36 Pool member of yore
42 Lodgers
46 Bearer's task
47 Stand firm
48 Cathedral parts
49 Physique
50 Update, as a factory
51 Kanga and Roo creator
52 Quechua speaker
54 Bottle top
55 Seine tributary
59 T'ai — ch'uan
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Lee wants to win too

In his first news conference of the year, Phillies lefty Cliff Lee (when he wasn't using a Magic 8 Ball to answer questions) said he — like Cole Hamels — would play for a contender. He added: "I'm here right now wearing a Phillie uniform and I'm trying to do everything I can to get us to the postseason and win a World Series," he said.

Sixers blow it up again, trade MCW, McDaniels

NBA. Sam Hinkie makes headlines on NBA deadline day again by dealing last season's Rookie of the Year.

Two first-round draft picks weren't enough for Sixers' GM Sam Hinkie.

In a shocking move Thursday afternoon, Philly took part in a four-team blockbuster trade that sent Michael Carter-Williams to the Bucks in a deal that netted the Sixers the Lakers first rounder (protected if it's a top-five choice).

Carter-Williams is the fifth player in NBA history to win the Rookie of Year Award in one season and be traded in the next — Chris Webber (1994-95) was the last player.

The details of the trade came out just as the 3 p.m. deadline had passed, but a second trade was reported to also have been completed. This one sends reserve forward K.J. McDaniels to the Rockets in exchange for Isaiah Canaan and a second-round pick.

Earlier, Hinkie made a sly move to acquire JaVale McGee and a first-round pick (protected if it's in the top 18) from the Nuggets.

The 76ers don't part with any real assets in the deal, but essentially get a free draft pick to take on McGee's salary. It is expected that he will be waived by Philly.

The team could have as many as four first-rounders in the June draft.

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Deadline dynamite

A bevy of other last-minute deals took place in the NBA Thursday afternoon.

- The Pistons got Reggie Jackson, the Thunder Enes Kanter, Steve Novak and Kyle Singler and the Jazz Kendrick Perkins in a three-team deal.
- The Nets and T'Wolves swapped Kevin Garnett and Thaddeus Young.
- Goran Dragic was shipped to the Heat.

During his time with the 76ers in 2014-15, MCW averaged 15 points, 7.4 assists and 6.2 rebounds per game. / GETTY IMAGES

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"I can't lie I'm shocked. I love this city thank you for everything. I can honestly say I gave it my all. I wish Philly nothing but the best"

Michael Carter-Williams, in a tweet after being told he was traded

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La Salle still hopes to sneak into tourney

NCAA. After a slow start, the Explorers are gaining steam at the right time.

Nothing will top the jubilation expressed by the La Salle Explorers two seasons ago after being picked by the selection committee as an at-large bid before their miraculous run to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament. But this year's team can't help but think about sneaking into the tournament too, this time as conference champions.

After a slow start, the Explorers (15-11, 7-6) are suddenly finding their identity as a team and have jumped into a tie for sixth place in the Atlantic 10. They're winners of five of their past seven games and were able to come out on top in a double-overtime thriller against No. 20 VCU on the road just over a week ago. Despite their recent success, coach John Giannini isn't ready to measure how good his team can be just yet.

"I'll measure us at the end of the season," Giannini said. "The past does not influence the future. [The past] is over. We can't show up on Sunday at St. Louis and say, 'We beat VCU; will you let us win?' It does not work that way."

If you were to measure their recent past, you'd see that one of the reasons the team has been playing so well lately is because of a scoring surge from guard Jordan Price. Price is averaging 23.6 points, 7.1 rebounds and 2.5 assists over the past six games. He's second in the league in scoring to St. Joe's DeAndre Bembry at 17.6 points per game.

"He's a player who needed to improve his conditioning and defense," said Giannini on Price. "He needed to just work on the things that go into winning basketball games. The thing he's never had to improve is his ability to score."

Price, along with guard Cleon Roberts, was eligible to play for La Salle this season after transferring to the team in 2013. As just sophomores, they've been a dangerous pairing from the outside. They combined for 32 points, including eight three-pointers, in Wednesday's 87-72 win over Duquesne (8-16, 3-10). Senior Jerrell Wright, who was a part of La Salle's tourney run in 2013, commented on how the two have fit in with the team's identity this season.

"We accept everybody," Wright said. "We knew that Cleon and Jordan came from different situations, but they'd be able to fit right in. We thought they'd be tremendous fits in the starting lineup. Going out there and playing this year, they've done a wonderful job."

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"I love that we have him for two more years and that he just keeps getting better. He can do really special things for this team and for himself because of his attitude."

John Giannini on transfer Jordan Price

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Five key 76ers games to watch in second half

NBA. The All-Star break and trade deadline have passed. Now it's time for the 76ers to take the next step.

The second half of the season officially gets underway for the 76ers Friday night when the Indiana Pacers visit the Wells Fargo Center.

After an 0-17 start, the Sixers rallied nicely to win 12 games. Now, 12-41 isn't exactly a stirring accomplishment. But with this group, it's impressive.

Coach Brett Brown continues to mold the youngest collective roster in NBA history. And he's done an outstanding job.

With 29 games remaining before fans anxiously anticipate the lottery and draft, let's identify five home games to watch between now and the end of the regular season.

2/27 vs. Wizards The up-and-coming Wizards feature a stellar backcourt of John Wall and Bradley Beal. While Beal is nicked up, this is still one of the most dangerous backcourts in the league. It should give the Sixers hope down the road since they're grooming young players at every position. It took Wall and Beal a little time to click. When they're healthy, it's fun to watch.

3/2 vs. Raptors First-time All-Star Kyle Lowry, a former standout at Villanova, was scintillating the last time the Raptors were in town. He scored 17 points in the fourth quarter and literally carried the Raptors to a victory. Like the Wizards, the Raptors have a young team. They've gotten better every season, and they're in the mix for a high playoff seed in the Eastern Conference.

3/7 vs. Hawks The Hawks had four players in the All-Star Game including former Sixer Kyle Korver. Atlanta is one of the biggest surprises in the league and could even compete for a championship. The Hawks simply refuse to get fazed by anything, probably because they're coached by Mike Budenholzer, a former assistant under Gregg Popovich in San Antonio.

ROBERT COVINGTON HAS 29 GAMES LEFT TO PROVE HE'S A VALUABLE BUILDING BLOCK.

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Brown and Budenholzer coached together under Popovich.

3/27 vs. Clippers Blake Griffin has been injured, but this team is always dangerous. Coach Doc Rivers is among the top coaches in the business and DeAndre Jordan is emerging as a 20-20 player. Jordan swept 27 rebounds in one game. Point guard Chris Paul clearly misses Griffin, but this team still features a plethora of talent.

4/15 vs. Heat It's the final game of the season, and the Sixers are sure to take a long look at their bench. This will mark the second season under Brown, and big changes will be anticipated in 2015-16. Minus LeBron James, the Heat aren't as big a draw. The Sixers' players will be auditioning for everyone. So that is a big deal.

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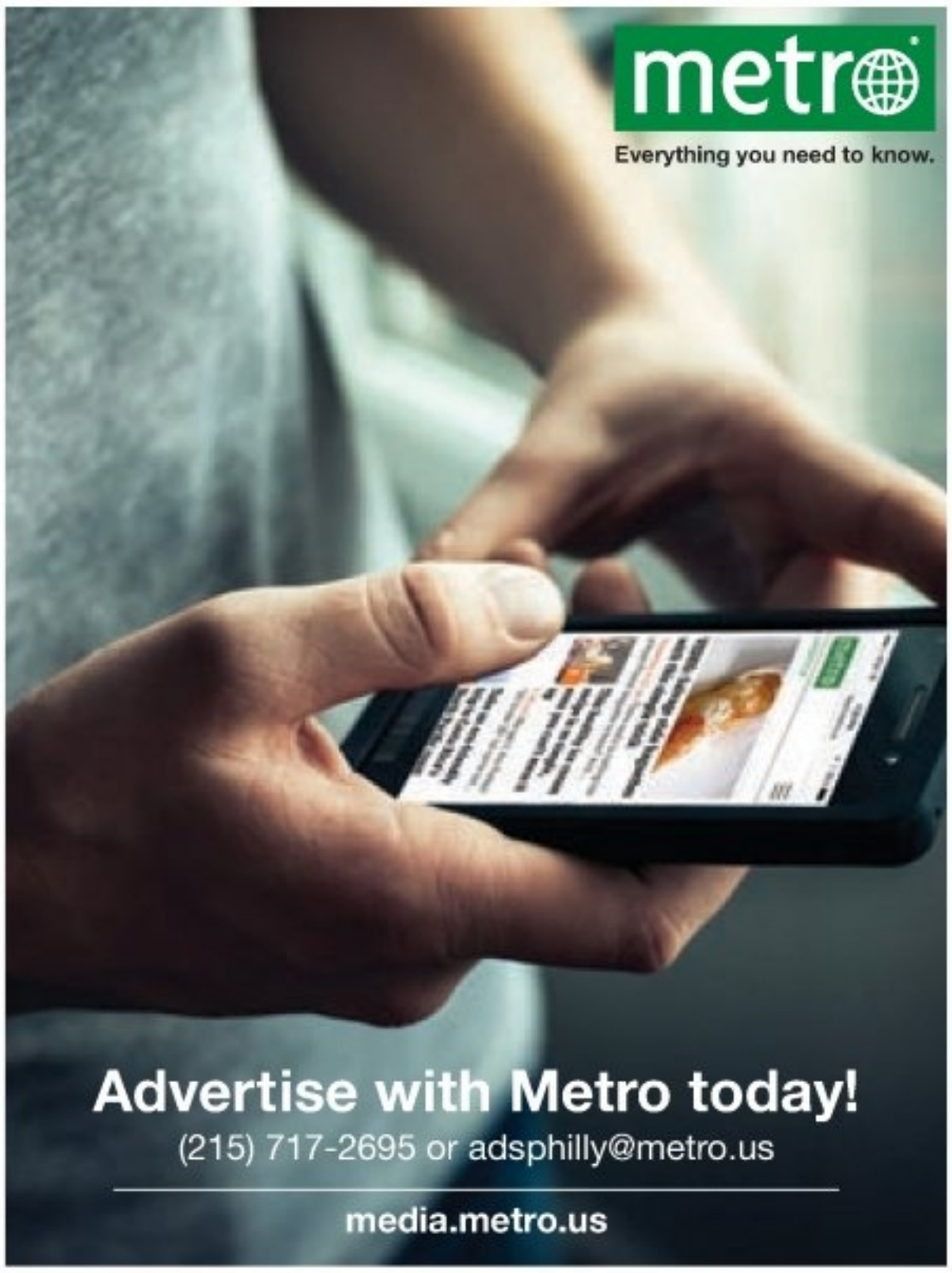

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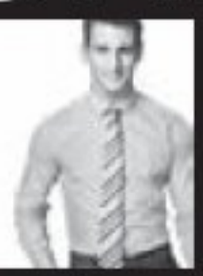

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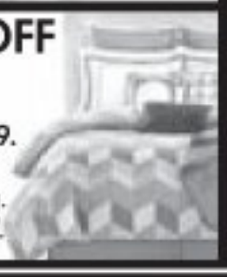

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